

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview by Applicant's Attorney (Mr. Jonathan Berschadsky, with Reg. No. 46,551), on May 15, 2009, without traverse.

3. **Please Cancel claims 13-20, 22, 24, and 26.**

4. **In claim 1**, lines 10-11, after "data block in", please delete [said one of]; after "the" please insert --- **selected** ---; and after "compressed" delete [signals], and insert --- **signal** ---;

In claim 1, line 13, after "position of", please delete [so-called].

5. **In claim 21**, line 7, after "compressed signal," please delete [so-called].

6. **In claim 27**, line 11, after "position of", please delete [so-called].

7. **In claim 28**, line 11, after "position of", please delete [so-called].

Reasons for Allowance

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8. Applicant's arguments, (pages 14-20), filed on February 27, 2009, with respect to claims 1-6, 12, and 21 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-12, 21, 23, and 25 have been withdrawn. Therefore claims 1-12, 21, 23, 25, and 27-28 are allowable.

9. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest, selecting a data block in one of the compressed signals between the compressed transcoded digital image signal and the compressed original digital image signal, said selecting comprising identifying the spatial position of said data block in the selected compressed signal, identifying, in the non selected compressed signal, the spatial position of a dual data block which corresponds to the data block selected having regard to a given geometric transformation applied to this block, in combination into other features and elements of **claim 1;**

Claim 21 recites a means for performing specific function without the recital of structure, material or acts in support thereof, and the claim shall be constructed to cover the corresponding structure material or acts described in the specification of the embodiments corresponding to figs. 5-8, and equivalents thereof. **Claim 21** is interpreted in accordance with 35 USC 112 ¶ 6.

10. Claims 1-12, 21, 23, 25, and 27-28 (now renumbered 1-17) are allowed.

11. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Drawings

12. The drawings were received on February 3, 2004. The examiner accepts these drawings.

Citation of Relevant Prior Art

13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Parker et al. (US Publication 2003/0122942) MOTION IMAGE CAPTURE
SYSTEM INCORPORATING METADATA TO FACILITATE TRANSCODING

Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mehdi Rashidian whose telephone number is (571) 272-9763. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 9:00AM to 8:00PM, ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Samir Ahmed can be reached on (571) 272-7413. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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